

her fierce advocacy for women's rights and civil justice.

Justice Ginsburg's keen ability to build bridges between conservatives and liberal Justices garnered the respect of all jurists, regardless of their political philosophy, something we should take note of here in the people's House of Representatives, that we bridge the gap between our political differences and remember that we are Americans first.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg always reminded us that we are Americans first and that equal justice under the law is always the credo of the American way.

Justice Ginsburg served in so many ways for so many examples on how to balance the scales of justice. Our Nation will mourn Justice Ginsburg's loss and honor her legacy for generations to come, I truly believe, because she is a role model for all.

HONORING CARL NUNZIATO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RYAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about H.R. 5023, which names the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Youngstown, Ohio, as the Carl Nunziato VA Clinic.

This bill was recommended to my office and strongly supported by leaders within my congressional district's veterans community because they rightly wish to honor one of their own for his exemplary service. I thank them and Chairman MARK TAKANO, Ranking Member Dr. PHIL ROE, and their respective staffs for helping our office bring this bill to the floor, as well as my own staff, Zach Prager and Ivan De La Cruz Santiago.

Today is a red-letter day, Mr. Speaker, in my book because in the midst of all that is going on nationally, all the controversies, Congress can still put its differences aside to take time and recognize a true American hero: Carl Nunziato.

Carl was born in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1938, graduating from Rayen High School. After marrying his high school sweetheart, Clara, he would go on to attend college at Youngstown State University.

Through the university's Reserve Officer Training Corps program, Carl earned a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. It was with his heart filled with love and devotion to his family, his hometown, and his country that he set off for the battlefields of Vietnam.

All those who served with Carl testify to his unmatched fighting spirit. If you ever found yourself in a foxhole with chaos all around you, Carl was the guy you wanted there with you because no matter what happened, you could be sure of one thing: Carl would never quit. Never.

Life would test Carl in ways that most Americans can't even imagine.

On November 22, 1966, Carl lost both of his legs when an enemy mortar round impacted less than 3 feet away from him as he was running toward his unit's command center.

On that battlefield, and over the next 2 years at home, Carl would fight for his life not far from where we stand today, at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Carl may have walked out of that hospital on two prosthetic legs, but his resolve was more steadfast than before he walked in.

Carl returned to his hometown, Youngstown, Ohio, enrolled in law school at Case Western Reserve, and with graduation began yet another battle: the fight for veterans and all Americans with disabilities.

As an attorney utilizing a wheelchair in the 1970s, most of the courthouses he encountered lacked the accessibility that he and other Americans like him needed to be able to simply get his job done.

Carl saw the problem and seized the initiative, as he had always done with obstacles he encountered in life. Carl created a committee to fight for veterans with disabilities and became a relentless advocate on behalf of all of those with the same conditions.

But Carl went even further. He established a task force to improve veterans services in Youngstown at a time when the VA sent the city a single nurse once a week when the Mahoning Valley had 40,000 veterans.

Carl wanted a VA clinic. VA said no. Carl didn't take no for an answer. Carl's efforts came to fruition in 1991 when the VA finally established an outpatient clinic in Youngstown.

Today, Carl continues to be a stellar citizen, not just for Youngstown, not just for the people of Ohio, not just for vets, not just for people with disabilities, but for all Americans.

Carl works tirelessly with the VA to continue improving the care received by veterans. Carl relentlessly pursues improving care and services for all Americans with disabilities.

The naming of this clinic, Mr. Speaker, is a small measure in comparison to what he has accomplished on behalf of our country's heroes and all of those with disabilities.

Carl never quits—never has quit, never will quit. And I am humbled to have the privilege of representing an individual of this caliber in this Chamber.

I will say, finally, when other vets and citizens from our community look at Carl's portrait hanging in this clinic and they see his name, they will know that things can get better. With effort, with grit, you can make a difference as long as you never quit, as long as you never take no for an answer.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 11 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 41 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. QUIGLEY) at 11 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Lord, merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

The advance of coronavirus infections continues to rise in a number of States around our Nation. Send Your spirit of healing and well-being among those who suffer, and Your angels to protect the many healthcare workers who place their own well-being in danger every day.

Comfort those today in the Supreme Court who begin the public mourning for a beloved colleague, Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Console those many who worked with and near her over so many years.

Bless the Members of the people's House who labor today to pass bills designed to advance the common weal of our Nation.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PROTECTING AMERICAN CITIZENS WITH PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, the Trump administration supports killing the only law that protects Americans from pre-existing